



## JCI hosts an elegant evening of fundraising

For the sixty-four individuals that attended the JCI Wine Symposium on Friday evening, April 27, they found a delightful and delicious manner to support the Junior Chamber International. Dave Martinus, JCI President for 2007 was also at the Aruba Surfside Marina to sample a variety of fine vintages, and dubbed the evening a “great success.”

Clive Faustin, Wine Maven *Extraordinaire* of The Wine Barrel, an importer and Distributor of Fine Wines, conducted the symposium that took attendees through several varieties of vintages. Aside from enjoying a large and varied selection of fine red and white wines, the gathering learned the history of wine, and the differences between French, Italian and North American products. They also learned about the stronger products that are produced from the grape, such as Sherries, ports, cognacs and brandies.

Words such as “undertones” came to have meaning, and how the fermentation process of different grapes produces other tastes and scents to the wine, such as plum or anise, even though neither of those ingredients are added to the mix.

Light snacks accompanied the wine tasting so attendees could also learn how the interplay of “pairing” food and wine affects the flavor of both. Cheeses, fruits and plain and spicy foods taste differently when paired with certain wines, as the flavor of the wine is also enhanced by the food that is consumed with it. Each subscriber to the evening’s educational wine tasting also went home with an informative packet filled with interesting and useful information that would assist him or her in perfect party planning.

JCI organizers of the event, headed by Ruberdino Roos, Project Director and Natalie Wolff amongst the volunteers assisting that evening, were very pleased by the attendance. Natalie revealed that this is the second fundraising event conducted this year, and another JCI event is planned in a few months. The proceeds from the evening will assist in sending JCI President Dave Martinus to represent Aruba at the JCI Regional Conference in Asuncion, Paraguay in May. The JCI World Congress will take place in Antalya, Turkey in November, and possibly Aruba can be present.